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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Restriction Requirement rendered in the above-identified patent application on September 19, 2002. This response is timely submitted in light of the fact that October 19, 2002 fell on a Saturday.

The Restriction Requirement of September 19, 2002 restricted the pending claims 1-69 to the following groups:

- I. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 11-22, drawn to a product I, classified in class 424, subclass 94.64.
- II. Claims 23, 24-27, 31-37, 39, 41-43, 47-58, drawn to a method of using product I, classified in class 435, subclass, various .
- III. Claims 2, 4, 8-10, drawn to a product II, classified in class 435, subclass 213.

IV. Claims 24, 28-30, 38, 40, 44-46, 59-62, drawn to a method of using product II, classified in class 424, subclass various.

V. Claims 59-62, drawn to a product III, classified in class 435, subclass 975.

VI. Claims 59, 63-65, drawn to a product IV, classified in class 435, subclass 810.

VII. Claims 66-69, drawn to a method of using product V, classified in class 424, subclass 78.02.

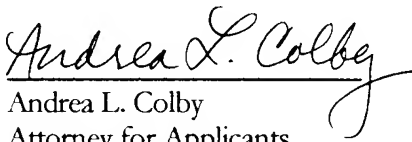
Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement and respectfully submit that the searching of all Groups of claims should not entail a burden upon the Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants, however, provisionally elect the claims of Group IV (24, 28-30, 38, 40, 44-46, 59-62) to prosecute in this patent application.

The Office Action of September 19, 2002 also required the election of a single disclosed species of agents, cells and disorders for prosecution on the merits in this patent application. Applicants respectfully traverse this election requirement as prosecution of the claimed subject matter set forth in Group IV, provisionally elected above, should not entail a burden upon the Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants, however, provisionally elect the following species of agents, cells and disorders for prosecution herein: agent – STI (soy trypsin inhibitor), cells – keratinocytes, and disorder – skin disorders.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of September 19, 2002 in light of the foregoing discussion.

An early search and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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